

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 16, 1999

FROM: **THOMAS J. PRENDERGAST, M.D.**
Director of Public Health

SUBJECT: **CONTRACT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR MEDI-CAL OUTREACH
SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve contract with State of California Department of Health Services in the amount of \$990,089 for the provision of outreach services to persons who may be eligible for the State Medi-Cal Program.
2. Approve increase in expenditures and revenues for the Department of Public Health for FY 1998-99 in the amount of \$671,078.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State Department of Health Services has received \$17.9 million in federal funds under the provisions of the federal welfare reform law for outreach to individuals who may no longer be eligible for welfare benefits but continue to be eligible for the Medi-Cal Program. The State allocated funds for each county based on a basic allocation and the County's current cash grant population. Funding of \$990,089 was allocated for San Bernardino County for the period January 1, 1999 – September 30, 1999. On December 15, 1998, the Board authorized the Department of Public Health to submit a grant application on behalf of the County to provide outreach and assistance to potential Medi-Cal Program eligibles. The Department was notified in late January, 1999, that the application was approved subject to finalizing the project's scope of work. This approval was received in February, 1999.

The project's goal is to increase the enrollment of eligible persons in the Medi-Cal Program. The Department has collaborated with the Department of Public Social Services school districts, community-based organizations and other health care providers in developing the project workplan. The project has three areas of activity. Part-time personnel (public service employees) will be utilized at local welfare offices to provide assistance with completion of Medi-Cal Program application forms and language translation as needed. A second area of activity involves participation in a current project to develop electronic kiosks in the County and includes information about the Medi-Cal Program, provides referrals to the outreach project and permits access to application forms. The third and largest service component utilizes nine community agencies and other departments to distribute program information, identify potentially eligible persons, provide application assistance on-site and assist clients keeping welfare office appointments through facilitating transportation and child care as needed. The Department utilized a competitive application process to select the subcontractors, including Loma Linda University School of Public Health, to provide project evaluation services as required by the

State. The total amount payable under the agreement is \$990,089. The FY 1998-99 portion of the project budget is \$671,078. Over half of that amount is for subcontracts.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This contract has been reviewed by County Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of these actions will impose no additional cost on the County. All expenditures are reimbursed by the State grant. The contract provides an increase in funding of \$671,078 over the amount in the Department of Public Health's approved FY 1998-99 budget. Additional expenditures and revenues for FY 1998-99 by object code and source code are as follows:

EXPENDITURES

<u>Code</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1010	Salaries and Benefits	\$161,100
	Total Salaries and Benefits	<u>\$161,100</u>
	Services and Supplies	
2035	Communications	2,300
2305	Office Expenses	10,400
2125	Inventoriable Equipment	13,000
2140	Training	4,000
2310	Postage	1,700
2323	Printing	22,500
2445	Professional Services	442,678
2920	Private Mileage	11,700
2935	Other Travel	1,700
	Total Services and Supplies	<u>\$509,978</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$671,078</u>

REVENUE

<u>Code</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8710	State Aid	\$671,078
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$671,078</u>

NET COUNTY COST \$ -0-

BUDGETED STAFF 5.7 FTEs

PRESENTER: Thomas J. Prendergast, M.D.